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1. Content and Format of Report

This report has been prepared pursuant to Standing Order 100 (3), (4), (5) and (6), (Dáil Éireann) and Standing Order 77 (3), (4), (5) and (6) (Seanad Éireann) which provide for the Joint Committee to-

- undertake a review of its procedure and its role generally;
- prepare an annual work programme;
- lay minutes of its proceedings before both Houses;
- make an annual report to both Houses.

At its meeting on 05 December 2023, the Joint Committee agreed that all these items should be included in this report covering the period from January 2021 to December 2021.

2. Establishment and Functions

2.1. Establishment of the Select Committee

The Dáil Select Committee was established by Order of Dáil Éireann of 30 July 2020, to consider Bills, Estimates for Public Services, Motions, and the terms of any international agreement involving a charge on public funds, which come within the aegis of the Department of Transport and the Communications remit of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

The Select Committee may also consider Annual Output Statements, Value for Money Reviews and Policy Reviews prepared by the relevant Government Department.

2.2 Establishment of the Joint Committee

The Dáil Select Committee, under the same Order, was enjoined with a Select Committee of Seanad Éireann, established by Order of Seanad Éireann of 25 September 2020 to form the Joint Committee on Transport and Communications Networks.

2.3 Functions of the Joint Committee

Among the principal functions of the Joint Committee are to consider—

- public affairs administered by the Department of Transport and the Communications remit of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.
- matters of policy for which the Minister of Transport and the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications is responsible.
- legislative and expenditure proposals of the Departments;
- EU legislative proposals;
- certain matters relating to bodies under the aegis of the Department Transport and the Communications remit of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

The Orders of Reference of the Dáil Select Committee and the Joint Committee are set out at *Appendix 1*.

3. Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Membership

Dáil Standing Order 104 (2) provides for a proportion of Chairs to be allocated to each group by means of the D'Hondt System. Deputy Kieran O'Donnell was appointed as Chair of the Select Committee on 30 July 2020 by an Order of Dáil Éireann. The Chair of the Select Committee is also the Chair of the Joint Committee.

Membership of the Committee, including all internal changes within the reported period, is listed at *Appendix 2*.

4. Meetings, Attendance and Recording

Meetings of the Joint Committee and Select Committee took place in the Committee rooms in Leinster House 2000. Due to Covid restrictions the business of the Committee was limited to essential business only during level 5 and private meetings were held over Microsoft Teams. Meetings were in public, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee.

The Committee met privately 38 times in 2021. These meetings were held online in order to reduce the number of *in situ* meetings during the Covid Pandemic. In relation to public meetings, Members and Witnesses were also facilitated to attend these online and/or other measures were taken in order to minimise health risks during the pandemic.

Committee proceedings were broadcast live within Leinster House, and also made available to RTE, TV3 and TG4. Proceedings were also live streamed on our website and through our app. Since September 2014 the proceedings of Committees in public session, typically recorded but occasionally live, are broadcast on the dedicated parliamentary channel Oireachtas TV which is available on these channels:

- Saorview 22, Sky 517, Virgin Media 207, eir Vision 504
- Vodafone Channels 201, 207 (Dáil Éireann) and 208 (Seanad Éireann)

An Official Report (Parliamentary Debates) of the public meetings of the Committee may be viewed on the Houses of the Oireachtas website at www.oireachtas.ie.

Copies of other reports published by the Joint Committee are also available on the Oireachtas Committee website pages at www.oireachtas.ie.

5. Number and Duration of Meetings

5.1 Joint Committee

The Joint Committee met on 75 occasions during the period under report. The number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was 102 hours 13 minutes.

The subject matter of each meeting of the Joint Committee, including the groups, organisations or individuals who attended the meetings, is detailed in *Appendix 3*. The Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee in public session are attached at *Appendix 4*.

5.2 Select Committee

The Dáil Select Committee met 4 times during the period under report and the number of hours of discussion involved in these meetings was 9 hours, 49 Minutes.

The subject matter of each meeting, including the groups, organisations or individuals who attended the meetings of the Select Committee, is detailed in *Appendix 5*. The proceedings (Imeachtaí) of the Select Committee are attached at *Appendix 6*.

6. Witnesses attending before the Committee(s)

During the period, the number of speaking witnesses for each of the Committees was as follows:

COMMITTEE NAME	NUMBER OF WITNESSES
Joint Committee	162
Select Committee	0

* Note that the Minister appearing before the Select Committee is an ex-officio member of the Select Committee and is therefore not regarded as a witness appearing before the Select Committee.

APPENDIX 1: Orders of Reference

(1) *Scope and Context of Activities of Committees (derived from Standing*

Orders – DSO 94 (2), SSO 70)

- a) The Joint Committee may only consider such matters, engage in such activities, exercise such powers and discharge such functions as are specifically authorised under its orders of reference and under Standing Orders;
- b) Such matters, activities, powers and functions shall be relevant to, and shall arise only in the context of, the preparation of a report to the Dáil/and or Seanad;
- c) The Joint Committee shall not consider any matter which is being considered, or of which notice has been given of a proposal to consider, by the Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to Standing Order 218 and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993;
- d) The Joint Committee shall not consider any matter which is being considered, or of which notice has been given of a proposal to consider, by the Joint Committee on Public Petitions in the exercise of its functions under Standing Order 125 (1); and
- e) The Joint Committee shall refrain from inquiring into in public session or publishing confidential information regarding any matter if so requested, for stated reasons given in writing, by—
 - (i) a member of the Government or a Minister of State, or
 - (ii) the principal office-holder of a body under the aegis of a Department or which is partly or wholly funded by the State or established or appointed by a member of the Government or by the Oireachtas:

Provided that the Chairman may appeal any such request made to the Ceann Comhairle, whose decision shall be final.

- (3) It shall be an instruction to all Select Committees to which Bills are referred that they shall ensure that not more than two Select Committees shall meet to consider a Bill on any given day, unless the Dáil, after due notice given by the Chairman of the Select Committee, waives this instruction on motion made by the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 28. The Chairmen of Select Committees shall have responsibility for compliance with this instruction.

(2) *Functions of Departmental Committees (derived from Standing Orders – DSO 95 (1) and SSO 70A)*

- (1) The Select Committee shall consider and report to the Dáil on-

- (a) such aspects of the expenditure, administration and policy of a Government Department or Departments and associated public bodies as the Committee may select, and
- (b) European Union matters within the remit of the relevant Department or Departments.

(2) The Select Committee may be joined with a Select Committee appointed by Seanad Éireann for the purposes of the functions set out in this Standing Order, other than at paragraph (3), and to report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Select Committee shall consider, in respect of the relevant Department or Departments, such—

- (a) Bills,
- (b) proposals contained in any motion, including any motion within the meaning of Standing Order 220,
- (c) Estimates for Public Services, and
- (d) other matters

as shall be referred to the Select Committee by the Dáil, and

- (e) Annual Output Statements including performance, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public moneys, and
- (f) such Value for Money and Policy Reviews as the Select Committee may select.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Joint Committee may consider the following matters in respect of the relevant Department or Departments and associated public bodies:

- (a) matters of policy and governance for which the Minister is officially responsible,
- (b) public affairs administered by the Department,
- (c) policy issues arising from Value for Money and Policy Reviews conducted or commissioned by the Department,
- (d) Government policy and governance in respect of bodies under the aegis of the Department,
- (e) policy and governance issues concerning bodies which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by a member of the Government or the Oireachtas,
- (f) the general scheme or draft heads of any Bill,
- (g) scrutiny of private members' Bills in accordance with Standing Order 178, or detailed scrutiny of private members' Bills in accordance with Standing Order 161,

- (h) any post-enactment report laid before either House or both Houses by a member of the Government or Minister of State on any Bill enacted by the Houses of the Oireachtas,
- (i) statutory instruments, including those laid or laid in draft before either House or both Houses and those made under the European Communities Acts 1972 to 2009,
- (j) strategy statements laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas pursuant to the Public Service Management Act 1997,
- (k) annual reports or annual reports and accounts, required by law, and laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas, of the Department or bodies referred to in subparagraphs (d) and (e) and the overall performance and operational results, statements of strategy and corporate plans of such bodies, and
- (l) such other matters as may be referred to it by the Dáil from time to time.

(5) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Joint Committee shall consider, in respect of the relevant Department or Departments—

- (a) EU draft legislative acts standing referred to the Select Committee under Standing Order 133, including the compliance of such acts with the principle of subsidiarity,
- (b) other proposals for EU legislation and related policy issues, including programmes and guidelines prepared by the European Commission as a basis of possible legislative action,
- (c) non-legislative documents published by any EU institution in relation to EU policy matters, and
- (d) matters listed for consideration on the agenda for meetings of the relevant EU Council of Ministers and the outcome of such meetings.

(6) Where the Select Committee has been joined with a Select Committee appointed by Seanad Éireann, the Chairman of the Dáil Select Committee shall also be the Chairman of the Joint Committee.

(7) The following may attend meetings of the Select or Joint Committee, for the purposes of the functions set out in paragraph (5) and may take part in proceedings without having a right to vote or to move motions and amendments:

- (a) members of the European Parliament elected from constituencies in Ireland, including Northern Ireland,
- (b) members of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and
- (c) at the invitation of the Committee, other members of the European Parliament.

(8) The Joint Committee may, in respect of any Ombudsman charged with oversight of public services within the policy remit of the relevant Department or Departments, consider—

- (a) such motions relating to the appointment of an Ombudsman as may be referred to the Committee, and
- (b) such Ombudsman reports laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas as the Committee may select: Provided that the provisions of Standing Order 130 apply where the Select Committee has not considered the Ombudsman report, or a portion or portions thereof, within two months (excluding Christmas, Easter or summer recess periods) of the report being laid before either or both Houses of the Oireachtas.

(3) Powers of Committees (derived from Standing Orders – DSO 96, 133 and 135 and SSO 71, 116 and 118)

The Joint Committee has: -

(1) power to take oral and written evidence and to print and publish from time to time minutes of such evidence taken in public before the Select Committee together with such related documents as the Select Committee thinks fit;

(2) power to invite and accept oral presentations and written submissions from interested persons or bodies;

(3) power to send for persons, papers and records (see also SO 99);

(4) power to appoint sub-Committees and to refer to such sub-Committees any matter comprehended by its orders of reference and to delegate any of its powers to such sub-Committees, including power to report directly to the Dáil;

(5) power to draft recommendations for legislative change and for new legislation;

(6) power to examine any statutory instrument, including those laid or laid in draft before either House or both Houses and those made under the European Communities Acts 1972 to 2009, and to recommend, where it considers that such action is warranted, whether the instrument should be annulled or amended;

(7) for the purposes of paragraph (6), power to require any Government Department or instrument-making authority concerned to submit a Memorandum to the Select Committee explaining any statutory instrument under consideration or to attend a meeting of the Select Committee for the purpose of explaining any such statutory instrument: Provided that such Department or authority may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil;

(8) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee to discuss policy for which he or she is officially responsible, provided that a member of the Government or Minister of State may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil, and provided further that a member of the

Government or Minister of State may request to attend a meeting of the Select Committee to enable him or her to discuss such policy;

(9) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee to discuss proposed primary or secondary legislation (prior to such legislation being published) for which he or she is officially responsible, provided that a member of the Government or Minister of State may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil, and provided further that a member of the Government or Minister of State may request to attend a meeting of the Select Committee to enable him or her to discuss such proposed legislation;

(10) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee and provide, in private session if so requested by the member of the Government or Minister of State, oral briefings in advance of meetings of the relevant EU Council of Ministers to enable the Select Committee to make known its views, provided that the Committee may also require such attendance following such meetings;

(11) power to require that the Chairperson designate of a body or agency under the aegis of a Department shall, prior to his or her appointment, attend before the Select Committee to discuss his or her strategic priorities for the role;

(12) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State who is officially responsible for the implementation of an Act shall attend before a Select Committee in relation to the consideration of a report under Standing Order 197;

(13) subject to any constraints otherwise prescribed by law, power to require that principal office-holders in bodies in the State which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by members of the Government or by the Oireachtas shall attend meetings of the Committee, as appropriate, to discuss issues for which they are officially responsible, provided that such an office-holder may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil;

(14) power to engage, subject to the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, the services of persons with specialist or technical knowledge, to assist it or any of its sub-Committees in considering particular matters; and

(15) power to undertake travel, subject to—

(a) such recommendations as may be made by the Working Group of Committee Chairmen under DSO 120(4)(a) and SSO 107(4)(a); and

(b) the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, and normal accounting procedures.

(16) In accordance with Articles 6 of Protocol No. 2 to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (*Protocol on the Application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality*) as applied by sections 7(3) of the European Union Act 2009, the Committee has the power to-

- (a) consider whether any act of an institution of the European Union infringes the principle of subsidiarity (DSO 135; SSO 118); and
- (b) form a reasoned opinion that a draft legislative act (within the meaning of Article 3 of the said Protocol) does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity (DSO 133 and SSO 116).

APPENDIX 2: Membership

Members of the Joint Committee

(The Select Committee membership comprises of Deputies only)

Chair: Kieran O' Donnell (FG)

Deputies:

Joe Carey (FG)
Cathal Crowe (FF)
Michael Lowry (Regional Group)
Steven Matthews (GP)
Ruairí Ó Murchú (SF)
James O'Connor (FF)
Darren O'Rourke (SF)
Duncan Smith (Lab)

Senators:

Lynn Boylan (SF)
Jerry Buttimer (FG)
Gerard Craughwell (Ind)
Timmy Dooley (FF)
Gerry Horkan (FF)

Notes:

1. Deputies appointed to the Committee by order of the Dáil on 30 July.
2. Senators appointed to the Committee by order of the Seanad on 25 September 2020.
3. Deputy Kieran O'Donnell elected as Chairman on 30 July 2020
4. On 5 November 2020, the Cathaoirleach of the Seanad announced the resignation of Senator Elisha McCallion as a Member of Seanad Éireann, and that consequently, a casual vacancy had arisen in the membership of Seanad Éireann.
5. On 9 December 2020, Senator Rónán Mullen was discharged from membership of the Committee at his own request and Senator Gerard Craughwell was appointed in substitution for him.
6. On 17 May 2021, Senator Lynn Boylan was nominated to serve on the Committee.
7. On 17 May 2021, Senator Ned O'Sullivan was discharged from membership of the Committee at his own request and Senator Gerry Horkan was appointed in substitution for him.

APPENDIX 3: Meetings of the Joint Committee

The following are the details, in date order, of the scheduled meetings of the Joint Committee which took place during the period under report.

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Organisations, Groups, and Individuals who attended
J28. 12/01/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J29. 19/01/2021	Private Meeting	N/A
J30. 22/01/2021	Public Meeting Customs checks Post-Brexit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Gerry Harrahill, Director General of Customs, Revenue Commissioners. • Ms Celine O'Neill, Principal Officer, Brexit Policy Branch, Revenue Commissioners. • Mr Paul Savage, Assistant Secretary General, International & Brexit, Department of Agriculture. • Ms Hazel Sheridan, Head of Operations, Dublin Port, Department of Agriculture. • Mr Eugene Drennan, President Irish Road Haulage Association. • Mr Eoin Gavin, Vice-President, Shannon Chamber of Commerce.
J.31 26/01/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.32 29/01/21	Public meeting Pre-legislative scrutiny of the general scheme of the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Eamon Ryan, Minister for Transport • Mr Michael Kingston, Lawyer specialising in Maritime law. • Mr Ciaran McCarthy, Lawyer specialising in Maritime law. • Ms. Clare Finnegan, Principal Officer, Maritime Safety Policy Division, Department of Transport. • Ms Michelle Kavanagh, Assistant Principal, Maritime Safety Policy Division, Department of Transport.

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J.33 02/02/21	Public meeting Review to Renew; the public consultation element of the National Development Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Peter Walsh, Chief Executive, Transport Infrastructure Ireland • Ms Anne Graham, Chief Executive, National Transport Authority • Mr Hugh Creegan, Director of Transport Planning & Investment and Deputy Chief Executive, National Transport Authority • Mr Nigel O'Neill, Director of Capital Programme, Transport Infrastructure Ireland • Mr Pat Maher, Director of Network Management, Transport Infrastructure Ireland • Mr Sean O'Neill, Director of Corporate Communications, Transport Infrastructure Ireland
J.34 02/02/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.35 09/02/21	Public meeting Review to Renew, the public consultation element of the National Development Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Stephen Kent, Chief Executive Officer, Bus Éireann • Mr Pat Dawson, CEO, Irish Travel Agents Association • Mr Paul Hackett, Board Member, Irish Travel Agents Association • Mr Evan Cullen, President, Irish Airline Pilots Association • Ms Ashley Connelly, Aviation Sector Organiser, Fórsa; • Mr Paddy Kavanagh, General Secretary, Connect Trade Union • Mr Neil McGowan, Aviation Sector Organiser, SIPTU • Mr Johnny Fox, Assistant General Secretary, Service & Enterprise Division, Fórsa • Mr Alan Brereton, Vice-President, Irish Airline Pilots Association • Mr Tony Carroll, Industrial Organiser Aviation Sector, SIPTU
J.36 09/02/21	Private Meeting	N/A

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Organisations, Groups, and Individuals who attended
J.37 16/02/21	Public meeting The Review to Renew; the public consultation element of the National Development Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jim Meade, Chief Executive, Irish Rail • Mr Glenn Carr, General Manager, Rail Freight & Rosslare Europort. • Mr Eoin McGettigan, CEO, Port of Cork Company • Mr Henry Kingston, Port Engineering Manager, Port of Cork Company • Mr Frank Ronan, Chief Executive, Port of Waterford • Mr Colin Dunne, Joint Managing Director, International Warehousing and Transport • Mr Peter Muldoon, Director Capital Investment, Irish Rail • Mr Barry Kenny, Corporate Communications Manager, Irish Rail.
J.38 16/02/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.39 23/02/21	Public meeting Review to Renew; the public consultation element of the National Development Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ken Spratt, Secretary General, Department of Transport • Ms Joan Curry, Principal Officer, Finance Division, Department of Transport • Mr Garret Doocey, Principal Officer, Sustainable Mobility (Investment & Policy), Department of Transport • Mr Dominic Mullaney, Principal Officer, Regional & Local Roads, Department of Transport • Ms Ethna Brogan, Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Transport
J.40 24/02/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.41 02/03/21	Public meeting Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019 and delays in driving licence renewals and driving tests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sam Waide, CEO • Mr Declan Naughton, Director, Driver Testing and Licensing, RSA • Mr Brian Farrell, Communications Manager, RSA • Mr Michael Rowland, Director, Road Safety, Research and Driver Education
J.42 03/03/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.43 09/03/21	Public meeting Review to Renew, the public consultation element of the National Development Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Eamon Ryan • Mr Garret Doocey • Mr Dominic Mullaney
J.44 10/03/21	Private Meeting	N/A

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Organisations, Groups, and Individuals who attended
J.45 16/03/21	Public meeting The viability and opportunities for the post office network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ned O'Hara, General Secretary, Irish Postmasters Union • Mr Sean Martin, Union President, Irish Postmasters Union • Mr Ciaran McEntee, Union Vice-President, Irish Postmasters Union • Mr Tony Wall, Union Treasurer, Irish Postmasters Union • Mr. Tom O' Callaghan, Independent Postmasters Group.
J.46 16/03/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.47 18/03/21	Public meeting The Procedure and Appointment process for the Chair of the Irish Aviation Authority & Impact of Covid 19 on driving instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Fintan Towey, Assistant Secretary, Aviation Section, Department of Transport • Mr Dominic Brophy, Chairperson, Approved Driving Instructors Branch, Unite the Union • Mr Darragh Dunne, Secretary, Approved Driving Instructors Branch, Unite the Union • Mr Aidan Jordan, Learning Representative, Approved Driving Instructors Branch, Unite the Union • Ms Jean O'Dowd, Regional Officer, Approved Driving Instructors Branch, Unite the Union • Mr Ronan Gallagher, Principal Officer, Aviation Section, Department of Transport
J.48 23/03/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.49 30/03/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.50 20/04/21	Chair Designates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultan Courtney, Chair Designate, Dublin Bus • Aidan Murphy, Chair Designate, Bus Éireann • Frank Allen, Chair Designate, Iarnród Éireann • Fiona Ross, Chair Designate, CIE
J.51 20/04/21	Private Meeting	N/A

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Organisations, Groups, and Individuals who attended
J. 52 27/04/21	Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019	<p>National Transport Agency (NTA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Anne Graham, Chief Executive • Mr Hugh Creegan, Director of Transport Planning & Investment and Deputy Chief <p>Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Peter Walsh, Chief Executive • Mr Pat Maher, Director of Network Management; and • Dr Suzanne Meade, Senior Engineer – Safety
J. 53 27/04/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J. 54 04/05/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J. 55 05/05/21	Report of the Covid-19 Rapid Testing Group & The Challenges facing Travel Agents and the Aviation Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Mark Ferguson, Director General Science Foundation Ireland and Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government, and Chair to the Covid-19 Rapid Testing Group. • Mr Pat Dawson, CEO, Irish Travel Agents Association, and • Mr Paul Hackett, Board Member, Irish Travel Agents Association.
J. 56 11/05/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J. 57 12/05/21	Rapid Antigen Testing and the Digital Green Cert & An Engagement on Covid-19 testing in relation to air travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ivan Bassato, Executive Vice President Airport Management, Rome Airport • Mr Sergio Berlinghi, Head of Public Affairs, Rome Airport • Prof Damien Kenny, Director, Nuevo Ireland. • Roberto Spano, Chief Executive, Nuevo Ireland. • Niall Lord, Director Nuevo Ireland
J.58 18/05/21 (AM)	Private Meeting	N/A
J.59 18/05/21 (PM)	Private Meeting	N/A
J.60 19/05/21	Challenges facing the Aviation Sector	Mr Willie Walsh, Director General, International Air Transport Association (IATA)

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J.61 25/05/21	National cybersecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Larkin, CEO of Ward Solutions • Padraic O'Reilly, Co-Founder and Chief Product Officer of Cybersaint • Bláthnaid Carolan, cybersecurity recruitment expert • Paul Walsh, Chair of Cyber Ireland • Eoin Byrne, Cyber Ireland
J.62 25/05/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.63 26/05/21	National cybersecurity	Ossian Smyth TD, Minister of State at the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
J.64 01/06/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.65 02/06/21	Public Meeting	Cancelled
J.66 08/06/21	Private Meeting	Postponed
J.67 09/06/21	The viability of and opportunities for the Post Office Network & Rapid Antigen Testing in relation to aviation and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Mc Redmond, CEO of An Post • Debbie Byrne, MD of An Post, Retail • Dr Niamh Power of V1 Medical • Barry O'Brien of Duelchem Ltd • Dr Michael Mina, Assistant Professor at the Department of Epidemiology, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health
J.68 15/06/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.69 16/06/21	Rapid Antigen Testing in relation to aviation and travel (resumed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Tony Holohan, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health • Dr Ronan Glynn, Deputy CMO, Department of Health • Professor Phillip Nolan, Chair of the NPHET modelling group • Dr Cillian de Gascun, Consultant Virologist and Director at the National Virus Reference Laboratory • Professor Mary Keogan, Consultant Immunologist and National Clinical Lead for Pathology • Professor Martin Cormican, Consultant Microbiologist and National Clinical Lead for Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control
J.70 22/06/21	Challenges facing the Aviation Industry (resumed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynne Embleton, CEO of Aer Lingus; • Donal Moriarty, Aer Lingus Chief Corporate Affairs Officer
J.71 22/06/21	Private Meeting	N/A

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J.72 23/06/21	Discussion on Merchant Service Providers in the travel trade in Ireland & Discussion on the recent Aer Lingus announcements regarding Shannon Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy Mannion, Commissioner, Commission for Aviation Regulation • David Hodnett, Deputy Commissioner, Commission for Aviation Regulation • Kevin Thompstone, Director of Shannon Chamber • Elaina Fitzgerald, President of the Irish Hotel Federation
J.73 29/06/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.74 30/06/21	Pre-legislative scrutiny of the general scheme of the Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eamon Ryan, Minister for Transport and Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications • Mr Ray O'Leary, Assistant Secretary • Ms Mary Lally, Principal Officer • Mr Ross Hathaway, Principal Officer • Mr Oisín Timoney, Assistant Principal
J.75 06/07/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.76 07/07/21	Discussion on access to the internet, particularly in relation to rural and regional locations and satellite internet access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rory Fitzpatrick, CEO of the National Space Centre • Hugo Carvalho, Sales Account Manager, Poynting, Europe GmbH • Tjeerd Huitema, MD, Poynting, Europe GmbH • Niamh Cullen O'Reilly, Managing Director, Novatel Communications Ltd • Declan Campbell, Managing Director, Digiweb • Brendan McGahan, Operations, Digiweb

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Organisations, Groups, and Individuals who attended
J.77 13/07/21	Ireland's implementation of the EU Digital Covid Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Canavan, Assistant Secretary General, Department. of An Taoiseach • Muiris O'Connor, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health • Maeve Brett, Principal Officer, Department of Justice • Phil O'Flaherty, Principal Officer, Department of Transport • Damien McCallion, National Director and COVID Vaccination Programme Lead, Health Service Executive • Barry Lowry, Government Chief Information Officer, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform • Mr Brendan Rogers, Deputy Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs • Ms Barbara Jones, Assistant Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs
J.78 13/07/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.79 14/07/21	Ireland's implementation of the EU Digital Covid Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ossian Smyth TD, Minister for State at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform • Barry Lowry, Government Chief Information Officer, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.
J.80 20/07/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.81 14/09/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.82 15/09/21	Update on the rollout of the National Broadband Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Peter Hendrick, Chief Executive Officer, National Broadband Ireland Infrastructure • Mr T.J. Malone, Chief Executive Officer, National Broadband Ireland Deployment • Ms Tara Collins, Chief Marketing Officer, National Broadband Ireland
J.83 21/09/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.84 22/09/21	Update on the review of the National Cyber Security Centre.	Ossian Smyth TD, Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Organisations, Groups, and Individuals who attended
J.85 28/09/21	Further Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: COM(2021)281 on establishing a framework for a European Digital Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Mairéad McCabe, Principal Officer, Telecommunications Policy and Regulation Division • Mr Barry Lowry, Government Chief Information Officer, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.
J.86 29/09/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.87 05/10/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.88 07/10/21	Engagement with the Chair Designate of Shannon Group	Mr Pádraig Ó Céidigh, Chairperson, Shannon Airport
J.89 13/10/21	Sustainable mobility policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ken Spratt, Secretary General • Mr Garret Doocey, Principal Officer Sustainable Mobility Investment & Policy Division • Mr Dominic Mullaney, Principal Advisor, Regional and Local Roads Division • Mr Andrew Ebrill, Principal Officer, National Roads Greenways & National Roads Greenways & Active Travel Division
J.90 20/10/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.91 20/10/21	Engagement with the Chair Designate of daa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Basil Geoghegan Chairperson, daa • Mr Kevin Cullinane, Chief Communications Officer
J.92 20/10/21	Further Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals – COM (2021) 552,556,559, 561, 562 & 567	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Eddie Burke, Principal Officer, EU and International Affairs Division • Ms Niamh O'Brien, Principal Officer, Aviation Services Division • Ms Patricia Waller, Assistant Principal, Climate Delivery Division • Mr Caoimhin O'Ciaruain, Principal Officer, Climate Engagement Division • Mr Ronan Gallagher, Transport Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU
J.93 03/11/21	Private Meeting	

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Organisations, Groups, and Individuals who attended
J.94 03/11/21	Discussion on the revised National Development Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Walsh, Chief Executive, Transport Infrastructure Ireland • Nigel O'Neill, Director of Capital Programme, Transport Infrastructure Ireland • Anne Graham, Chief Executive Officer, National Transport Authority • Hugh Creegan, Director of Transport Planning & Investment and Deputy Chief Executive, National Transport Authority
J.95 10/11/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.96 10/11/21	Engagement with the Chair Designate of the Port of Cork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Walsh, Chair Designate, Port of Cork • Mr Donal Crowley, Company Secretary, Port of Cork
J.97 17/11/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.98 17/11/21	Discussion on the National Development Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Eamon Ryan • Mr Garret Doocey, Principal Officer, Sustainable Mobility (Investment & Policy), Department Transport • Ms Ethna Brogan, Assistant Secretary, Head of Transport Investment and Public Transport Policy, Department Transport • Mr Dominic Mullaney, Principal Officer, Regional & Local Roads, Department Transport
J.99 18/11/21	An overview of the role of the Irish Coast Guard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deirdre O'Keeffe, Assistant Secretary, Department of Transport • Phil O'Flaherty, Principal Officer, Department of Transport • Eugene Clonan, Acting Director, The Irish Coast Guard • Mr Niall Ferns, Manager, The Irish Coast Guard
J.100 24/11/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.101 24/11/21	Engagement with the Chair Designates of the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) & An Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Rose Hynes, Chairperson, IAA • Mr Diarmuid O Conghaile, Regulator, IAA • Ms Carol Bolger, Chairperson, An Post • Mr Angus Lavery, Public Affairs Manager, An Post
J.102 01/12/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.103 01/12/21	Engagement with the Chair Designate of TII	Mr. Gareth Llewellyn

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Organisations, Groups, and Individuals who attended
J.104 07/12/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.105 07/12/21	Private Meeting	N/A
J.106 08/12/21	Discussion on Covid testing for international travel into and out of Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oonagh Buckley, Deputy Secretary, Dept of Justice • Deirdre Ní Fhallúin, Director, Consular Directorate, with responsibility for International Travel, Dept of Foreign Affairs • Fintan Towey Assistant Secretary (DG Civil Aviation), Dept of Transport • Mr Muiris O'Connor, Assistant Secretary General, Dept of Health • Mr Keith Comiskey, Principal Officer, Dept of Health • Eileen Leahy, Principal Officer, Dept of Justice • Phil O'Flaherty Principal Officer, (Aviation Safety and Security Division), Dept of Transport

APPENDIX 4: Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 JANUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:06, Virtually, quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O' Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Ned O'Sullivan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 17:30 until Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 16:00.



Kieran O'Donnell

Chair

19 January 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 19 JANUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:04, Virtually, quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O' Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Ned O'Sullivan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private

6. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 17:17 until Friday 22 January 2021 at 13:00.



Kieran O'Donnell

Chair

26 January 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 22 JANUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 13:01 in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathew, James O'Connor, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley.

Apologies were received from Deputies Cathal Crowe and Duncan Smith, and Senator Ned O'Sullivan.

2. Customs Checks post-Brexit

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, who attended virtually to give their opening statements and invited Members to ask questions of the witnesses afterwards;

- Mr Eugene Drennan, President, Irish Road Haulage Association
- Commissioner Gerry Harrahill, Director General of Customs, Revenue Commissioners.
- Ms Celine O'Neill, Principal Officer, Brexit Policy Branch, Revenue Commissioners.
- Mr Eoin Gavin, Vice-President, Shannon Chamber of Commerce.
- Mr Ian Barret, Director, Shannon Chamber of Commerce.
- Mr Paul Savage, Assistant Secretary General, International & Brexit, Department of Agriculture.
- Ms Hazel Sheridan, Head of Operations, Dublin Port, Department of Agriculture.

3. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 15:01 until Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 16:00.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Chair
9 February 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 26 JANUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:05 Virtually, quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley and Ned O'Sullivan.

Apologies were received from Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private

6. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:55 until Friday 29 January 2021 at 13:00.



Kieran O'Donnell
Chair
9 February 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 29 JANUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 13:01 in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathew, James O'Connor, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Senator Ned O'Sullivan.

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the general scheme of the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) (Amendment) Bill 2020

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, who attended virtually, within the precincts of Leinster House to give their opening statements and invited Members to ask questions of the witnesses afterwards.

- Mr Michael Kingston
- Mr Ciarán McCarthy

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance. The committee was suspended at 14:00 and recommenced at 14:05.

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, who attended virtually, within the precincts of Leinster House to give their opening statements and invited Members to ask questions of the witnesses afterwards.

- Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan TD
- Ms. Clare Finnegan, Principal Officer, Maritime Safety Policy Division, Department of Transport.
- Ms Michelle Kavanagh, Assistant Principal, Maritime Safety Policy Division, Department of Transport.

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

3. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 15:06 until Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 13:00.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Chair
9 February 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 2 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 13:06 in Committee Room 3, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathew, James O'Connor, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell and Timmy Dooley.

Apologies were received from Deputy Joe Carey and Senator Ned O'Sullivan

2. Review to Renew; the public consultation element of the National Development Plan

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, who attended virtually to give their opening statements and invited Members to ask questions of the witnesses afterwards.

From Transport Infrastructure Ireland:

- Mr Peter Walsh, Chief Executive
- Mr Nigel O'Neill, Director of Capital Programme
- Mr Pat Maher, Director of Network Management
- Mr Sean O'Neill, Director of Corporate Communications

From the National Transport Authority:

- Ms Anne Graham, Chief Executive
- Mr Hugh Creegan Director of Transport Planning & Investment and Deputy Chief Executive.

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

3. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 15:05 until 16:00, Today, Tuesday 2 February 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Chair
9 February 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 2 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:02 Virtually, quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), and Darren O' Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Ned O'Sullivan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:38 until Tuesday 9 February 2021 at 10:00.



Kieran O'Donnell
Chair
9 February 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 9 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 10:08 in Committee Room 3, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathew, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer and Timmy Dooley.

Apologies were received from Senator Gerard Craughwell

2. Review to Renew; the public consultation element of the National Development Plan and Challenges facing aviation workers and travel agents

The Chair welcomed the following witness, who attended virtually to give their opening statements and invited Members to ask questions of the witness afterwards;

- Mr Stephen Kent, Chief Executive Officer, Bus Éireann.

The meeting of the Joint Committee suspended at 11:08 and resumed at 11:15. The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, who attended virtually to give their opening statements and invited Members to ask questions of the witnesses afterwards;

- Mr Pat Dawson, CEO, Irish Travel Agents Association
- Mr Paul Hackett, Board Member, Irish Travel Agents Association
- Mr Evan Cullen, President, Irish Airline Pilots Association
- Mr Alan Brereton, Vice-President, Irish Airline Pilots Association
- Ms Ashley Connelly, Aviation Sector Organiser, Fórsa
- Mr Johnny Fox, Assistant General Secretary, Service & Enterprise Division, Fórsa
- Mr Paddy Kavanagh, General Secretary, Connect Trade Union
- Mr Neil McGowan, Aviation Sector Organiser, SIPTU
- Mr Tony Carroll, Industrial Organiser Aviation Sector, SIPTU

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance

3. Adjournment.

The Joint Committee adjourned at 12:05 until 16:00, Tuesday 9 February 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Chair
16 February 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 9 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:14 Virtually, quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke, and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley and Ned O'Sullivan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:46 until Tuesday 16 February 2021 at 13:00.



Kieran O'Donnell
Chair
16 February 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 16 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 13:01 in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Steven Mathew, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell and Timmy Dooley.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael Lowry, and he was substituted by Deputy Matt Shanahan.

Deputies Dara Celery and Alan Dillion also attended the meeting.

2. Review to Renew; the public consultation element of the National Development Plan

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, who attended virtually to give their opening statements and invited Members to ask questions of the witnesses afterwards;

- Mr Jim Meade, Chief Executive, Irish Rail
- Mr Peter Muldoon, Director Capital Investment, Irish Rail
- Mr Barry Kenny, Corporate Communications Manager, Irish Rail
- Mr Glenn Carr, Rosslare Europort
- Mr Eoin McGettigan, CEO, Port of Cork Company
- Mr Henry Kingston, Port Engineering Manager, Port of Cork Company
- Mr Frank Ronan, Chief Executive, Port of Waterford
- Mr Colin Dunne, Joint Managing Director, International Warehousing and Transport

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

3. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 15:01 until 16:00, Tuesday 16 February 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Chair
24 February 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:05 Virtually, quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O' Rourke.

Senators: Timmy Dooley, Gerard Craughwell and Ned O'Sullivan.

- 2. Item discussed in private**
- 3. Item discussed in private**
- 4. Item discussed in private**
- 5. Item discussed in private**

6. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 17:00 until Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 16:00.



Kieran O'Donnell
Chair
24 February 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 23 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 16:02 in Committee Room 3, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathew, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer and Timmy Dooley.

Apologies were received from Deputy Duncan Smith and Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. Review to Renew; the public consultation element of the National Development Plan

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, who attended virtually to give their opening statements and invited Members to ask questions of the witnesses afterwards;

- Mr Ken Spratt, Secretary General
- Ms Ethna Brogan, Acting Assistant Secretary
- Ms Joan Curry, Principal Officer, Finance Division
- Mr Garrett Doocey, Principal Officer, Sustainable Mobility (Investment & Policy)
- Mr Dominic Mullaney, Principal Officer, Regional & Local Roads

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

3. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 18:01 until 16:00, Wednesday 24 February 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Chair
3 March 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 24 FEBRUARY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:09 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell and Ned O'Sullivan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:41 until Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 10:00.



Kieran O'Donnell
Chair
3 March 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 2 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 10:05 in Committee Room 4, Leinster House 2000, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke, Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell and Timmy Dooley.

Apologies were received from Deputy Steven Mathew, and he was substituted by Deputy Brian Leddin.

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny of Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019 and delays in driving licence renewals and driving test

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, who attended virtually to give their opening statements and invited Members to ask questions of the witnesses afterwards;

- Mr Sam Waide, CEO
- Mr Declan Naughton, Director, Driver Testing and Licensing
- Mr Brian Farrell, Communications Manager
- Mr Michael Rowland, Director, Road Safety, Research and Driver Education

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 12:02 until 16:00, Wednesday 3 March 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Chair
10 March 2021

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:03 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell, Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley and Ned O'Sullivan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:41 until Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 15:30.



Kieran O'Donnell
Chair
3 March 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 9 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 15:33 in the Dáil Chamber, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell and Timmy Dooley.

Deputy Duncan Smith was substituted by Deputy Sean Sherlock.

2. Review to Renew; the public consultation element of the National Development Plan

The Chair welcomed Minister Eamon Ryan and Officials from his Department.

The Chair invited the Minister to give his opening statement and invited Members to ask questions of the Minister afterwards.

The Chair thanked the Minister for his attendance.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 17:29 until 16:00, Wednesday 10 March 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Chair
16 March 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 10 MARCH 2021**

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:04 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Cathal Crowe, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley and Ned O'Sullivan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 17:05 until Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 10:30.



Kieran O'Donnell
Chair
23 March 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING 16 MARCH 2021**

The Joint Committee met in public session at 11:40 in the Dáil Chamber, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell and Timmy Dooley.

Apologies were received from Deputy Steven Mathews.

Senator Micheál Carrigy and Deputy Michael Healy-Rae also attended the meeting.

2. The viability and opportunities for the post office network

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses from the Irish Postmasters' Union and from the Independent Postmasters Group, to give their opening statements, and invited Members to ask questions afterwards;

- Mr Ned O'Hara, General Secretary, IPU
- Mr Sean Martin, Union President, IPU
- Mr Ciaran McEntee, Union Vice-President, IPU
- Mr Tony Wall, Union Treasurer, IPU
- Mr Tom O'Callaghan, Spokesperson, IPG
- The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 13:32 until 16:00, Wednesday 16 March 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Chair
23 March 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 14:01 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer and Timmy Dooley.

Apologies were received from Senator Gerard Craughwell and Deputy Duncan Smith.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:22 until Tuesday 18 March 2021 at 11:30.



Kieran O'Donnell

Chair
23 March 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 18 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 11:33 in the Dáil Chamber, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell and Timmy Dooley.

2. Impact of Covid 19 on driving instructors, and The Procedure and Appointment process for the Chair of the Irish Aviation Authority

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, and invited them to give their opening statement, and invited Members to ask questions afterwards;

- Mr Dominic Brophy, Chairperson, Unite the Union
- Mr Darragh Dunne, Secretary, Unite the Union
- Mr Aidan Jordan, Learning Representative, Unite the Union
- Ms Jean O'Dowd, Regional Officer, Unite the Union

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance and suspended the meeting at 12:45. The meeting resumed at 12:49.

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, and invited them to give their opening statement, and invited Members to ask questions afterwards.

- Mr Fintan Towey, Assistant Secretary, Department of Transport
- Mr Ronan Gallagher, Principal Officer, Department of Transport

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 13:36 until 16:00, Wednesday 23 March 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Chair
23 March 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 23 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:03 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell and Timmy Dooley.

Apologies were received from Deputy Steven Mathews.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:30 until Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 14:00.



Kieran O'Donnell
Chair
30 March 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30 MARCH 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 14:01 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer and Ned O'Sullivan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private

6. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:35 until Tuesday 20 April 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
20 April 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 20 APRIL 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 12:34 in the Dáil Chamber, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer and Timmy Dooley.

Apologies were received from Deputy Duncan Smith and Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. Chairperson Designates

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, and invited them to give their opening statement, and invited Members to ask questions afterwards;

- Ms Fiona Ross, Chairperson designate, CIE.
- Mr Aidan Murphy, Chairperson designate, Bus Éireann
- Mr Ultan Courtney, Chairperson designate, Bus Átha Cliath-Dublin Bus,
- Mr Frank Allen, Chairperson designate, Iarnród Éireann.

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:43 until 16:00, Wednesday 20 April 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Chair
27 April 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 APRIL 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:02 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Ned O'Sullivan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 17:08 until Tuesday 27 April 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
27 April 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 27 APRIL 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 12:40 in the CR3, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer Gerard Craughwell and Timmy Dooley.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael Lowry.

2. Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, and invited them to give their opening statement, and invited Members to ask questions afterwards.

- Ms Anne Graham, Chief Executive, NTA
- Mr Hugh Creegan, Director of Transport Planning & Investment and Deputy Chief Executive, NTA
- Mr Peter Walsh, Chief Executive, TII
- Mr Pat Maher, Director of Network Management, TII
- Dr Suzanne Meade, Senior Engineer – Safety, TII

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:40 until 16:00, Tuesday 27 April 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
4 May 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 27 APRIL 2021**

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:07 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley, and Ned O'Sullivan.

- 2. Item discussed in private**
- 3. item discussed in private**
- 4. Item discussed in private**
- 5. Item discussed in private**
- 6. Item discussed in private**

7. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 17:31 until Tuesday 4 May 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
4 May 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 4 MAY 2021**

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:07 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Ned O'Sullivan.

- 2. Item discussed in private**
- 3. Item discussed in private**
- 4. Item discussed in private**

5. Adjournment. The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:50 until Tuesday 11 May 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
11 May 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING 5 MAY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 12:32 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley, and Ned O Sullivan

2. Report of the Covid-19 Rapid Testing Group

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, and invited them to give their opening statement, and invited Members to ask questions afterwards.

- Professor Mark Ferguson, Director General Science Foundation Ireland and Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government, and Chair to the Covid-19 Rapid Testing Group.

The Chair thanked the witness for his attendance.

The meeting suspended at 13:34 and resumed at 13:41

3. The Challenges facing Travel Agents and the Aviation Sector

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, and invited them to give their opening statement, and invited Members to ask questions afterwards.

- Mr Pat Dawson, CEO, Irish Travel Agents Association, and
- Mr Paul Hackett, Board Member, Irish Travel Agents Association.

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

4. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:37 until 16:00, Tuesday 11 May 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
1 June 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 MAY 2021**

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:05 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell and Timmy Dooley.

2. Items discussed in private

3. Items discussed in private

4. Items discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 16:55pm until Wednesday 12 May at 12:30pm.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
15 June 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING 12 MAY 2021**

The Joint Committee met in public session at 12:35 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer and Timmy Dooley.

2. Report of the Covid-19 Rapid Testing Group

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, and invited them to give their opening statement, and invited Members to ask questions afterwards.

- Mr Ivan Bassato, Executive Vice President Airport Management, Rome Airport
- Mr Sergio Berlinghi, Head of Public Affairs, Rome Airport

The Chair thanked the witness for his attendance.

The meeting suspended at 13:56.

3. An Engagement on Covid-19 testing in relation to air travel

The meeting resumed at 14:01.

The Chair welcomed the following witnesses, and invited them to give their opening statement, and invited Members to ask questions afterwards.

- Prof Damien Kenny, Director, Nuevo Ireland.
- Roberto Spano, Chief Executive, Nuevo Ireland.
- Mr Niall Lord from Nuevo Ireland

The Chair thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:37 until 16:00, Tuesday 18 May 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
15 June 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18 MAY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:05 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair).

Senators: Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley, and Gerry Horkan

Apologies were received from Senator Jerry Buttimer.

2. Items discussed in private

3. Items discussed in private

4. Items discussed in private

5. Items discussed in private

6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 16:37pm until Wednesday 19 May at 14:30.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
22 June 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18 MAY 2021**

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:05 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair).

Senators: Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley, and Gerry Horkan

Apologies were received from Senator Jerry Buttimer.

2. Items discussed in private

3. Items discussed in private

4. Items discussed in private

5. Items discussed in private

The meeting adjourned at 16:37pm until Wednesday 19 May at 14:30.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
22 June 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 19 MAY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 14:31 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach) and Darren O'Rourke, Duncan Smith and Michael McNamara.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Gerry Horkan and Martin Conway.

Apologies were received from Deputy Steven Mathews and Senator Timmy Dooley.

2. The Challenges facing the International Aviation Sector

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witness to the meeting:

- Mr Willie Walsh, Director General, International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Following the opening statement, a question-and-answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:25 until 16:00, Tuesday 25th May 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
22 June 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 25 MAY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 09:34 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Gerard Craughwell., Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputies Steven Matthews and James O'Connor and Senator Jerry Buttimer

2. National cybersecurity

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

- Pat Larkin, CEO of Ward Solutions
- Padraic O'Reilly, Co-Founder and Chief Product Officer of Cybersaint
- Bláthnaid Carolan, cybersecurity recruitment expert
- Paul Walsh, Chair of Cyber Ireland
- Eoin Byrne, Cyber Ireland

Following the opening statement, a question-and-answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 11:44 until 26 May 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
22 June 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 25 MAY 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 12:35 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan

Apologies were received from Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. Items discussed in private

3. Items discussed in private

4. Items discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 13:11pm until Wednesday 26 May at 12:30pm.



Kieran O'Donnell

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 26 MAY 2021**

The Joint Committee met in public session at 12:32 in CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Matthews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), Darren O'Rourke, Duncan Smith and Michael McNamara.

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

2. National Cybersecurity

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ossian Smyth TD, Minister of State at the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications to the meeting.

Following the opening statement, a question-and-answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Committee suspended at 13:25 due to technical difficulties.

The Committee resumed in public session 13:28.

It was agreed to issue an invitation to Mr. Paul Reid, HSE to discuss the issue of National Cybersecurity.

The meeting suspended at 13:46.

3. Discussion of issues affecting cabin crew and the recent announcements in relation to the Aer Lingus Cork and Shannon bases

The meeting resumed in public session at 13:48.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

- Ashley Connolly, Fórsa National Secretary
- Sarah O'Leary, CCM, Cork Base
- Mary Mulholland, CSM, Shannon Base
- Gerry Clarke, CSM, Shannon Base

- Liz Barry, CSM, Dublin Base
- Catriona Jones, CSM, Dublin Base

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

4. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:47 until 1st June 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
22 May 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 1 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:10 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley, and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputy Steven Mathews and Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. Items discussed in private

3. Items discussed in private

4. Items discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 16:51 until Wednesday 2 June at 12:30.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
6 July 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 09:35 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley, Gerry Horkan and Michael Carrigy

Apologies were received from Deputy Joe Carey.

2. The viability of and opportunities for the Post Office –

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the first session of the meeting:

- David Mc Redmond, CEO of An Post
- Debbie Byrne, Retail MD of An Post

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The meeting suspended at 11:35am.

The meeting resumed in public session at 12:36pm.

3. Network & Rapid Antigen Testing in relation to aviation and travel

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the second session of the meeting:

- Dr Niamh Power, V1 Medical
- Barry O'Brien, Duelchem Ltd
- Simon Osman, Software Solutions Specialist.
- Chris O'Grady, Pharmaceutical Distribution Specialist.
- Prof Michael Mina, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, Harvard University

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

4. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:40pm until 16:00, Tuesday 15th June 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD

Cathaoirleach
6 July 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 JUNE 2021**

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:10 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, and Gerry Horkan.

2. Items discussed in private

3. Items discussed in private

4. Items discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 17:06 until Wednesday 16 June at 12:30.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
6 July 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 16 JUNE 2021**

The Joint Committee met in public session at 12:34 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke, Duncan Smith and Michael McNamara.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

2. Rapid antigen testing in relation to aviation and Travel (Resumed)

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

- Dr Tony Holohan, Chief Medical Officer, Dept. of Health
- Dr Ronan Glynn, Deputy CMO, Dept. of Health
- Professor Philip Nolan, Chair of the NPHE modelling group

- Dr Cillian de Gascun, Consultant Virologist and Director at the National Virus Reference Laboratory
- Professor Mary Keogan, Consultant Immunologist and National Clinical Lead for Pathology
- Professor Martin Cormican, Consultant Microbiologist and National Clinical Lead for Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 15:14 until 16:00, Tuesday 22nd June 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
6 July 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 22 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 09:38 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley, Gerry Horkan, Maria Byrne and Martin Conway.

2. Challenges facing the Aviation Industry (Resumed)

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

- Lynne Embleton, CEO of Aer Lingus
- Donal Moriarty, Aer Lingus Chief Corporate Affairs Officer

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 11:48 until 16:00, Tuesday 22nd June 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
29 June 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in private session at 16:09 Virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell and Gerry Horkan.

2. Items discussed in private

3. Items discussed in private

4. Items discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 16:31pm until Wednesday 23 June at 12:30.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
29 June 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 23 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 12:32 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Deputies Maurice Quinlivan and Violet-Anne Wynne substituted for Deputies Darren O'Rourke and Ruairi Ó Murchú in the second session of the meeting.

Apologies from Deputy Duncan Smith.

2. Part 1: Discussion on Merchant Service Providers in the travel trade in Ireland.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the first session of the meeting:

- Cathy Mannion, Commissioner, Commission for Aviation Regulation
- David Hodnett, Deputy Commissioner, Commission for Aviation Regulation

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The meeting suspended at 13:29.

The meeting resumed in Public Session at 13:39.

3. Part 2: Discussion on the recent Aer Lingus announcements regarding Shannon Airport

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the second session of the meeting:

- Kevin Thompstone, Director of Shannon Chamber
- Elaina Fitzgerald, President of the Irish Hotel Federation

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The meeting suspended at 13:52 due to technical difficulties and resumed in Public Session at 13:52.

The Cathaoirleach thanked all witnesses for attending the meeting.

4. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:55 until 16:00, Tuesday 29th June 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
29 June 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 29 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 16:06 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Ruairí Ó Murchú, and Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach)

Senators: Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputy Michael Lowry and Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. Items discussed in private

3. Items discussed in private

4. Items discussed in private

5. Items discussed in private

6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 16:24pm until Wednesday 30 June at 12:30.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
6 July 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 30 JUNE 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 12:33 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Matthews, Paul McAuliffe, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies from Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the general scheme of the Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Minister for Transport, Mr Eamon Ryan TD and Department Officials to the meeting.

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Minister and his officials for attending the meeting.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:31 until 16:00, Tuesday 6th July 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
6 July 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 6 JULY 2021**

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 16:06 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach) and Darren O' Rourke

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. Items discussed in private

3. Items discussed in private

4. Items discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 16:38pm until Wednesday 7 July at 12:30.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
13 July 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 7 JULY 2021**

The Joint Committee met in public session at 12:35 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Matthews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Senator Jerry Buttimer and Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. Discussion on access to the internet, particularly in relation to rural and regional locations and satellite internet access

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

- Rory Fitzpatrick, CEO of the National Space Centre
- Hugo Carvalho, Sales Account Manager, Poynting, Europe GmbH
- Tjeerd Huitema, MD, Poynting, Europe GmbH
- Niamh Cullen O'Reilly, Managing Director, Novatel Communications Ltd
- Declan Campbell, Managing Director, Digiweb Ltd
- Brendan McGahan, Operations, Digiweb Ltd

Following the opening statements, a question-and-answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for attending the meeting.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:32 until 16:00, Tuesday 13 July 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
13 July 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 13 JULY 2021

The Joint Committee met in public session at 09:34 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Matthews, Ruairi Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

2. Ireland's implementation of the EU Digital Covid Certificate

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

- Liz Canavan, Assistant Secretary General, Department of An Taoiseach
- Muiris O'Connor, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health
- Maeve Brett, Principal Officer, Department of Justice
- Phil O'Flaherty, Principal Officer, Department of Transport
- Damien McCallion, National Director and COVID Vaccination Programme Lead, Health Service Executive
- Barry Lowry, Government Chief Information Officer, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform
- Mr Brendan Rogers, Deputy Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs
- Ms Barbara Jones, Assistant Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs

Following the opening statements, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for attending the meeting.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 11:36 until 16:00, Tuesday 13 July 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
20 July 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 13 JULY 2021

The Joint Committee met in Private session at **16:02** virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach) and Darren O'Rourke

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

- 2. Items discussed in private**
- 3. Items discussed in private**
- 4. Items discussed in private**
- 5. Items discussed in private**

6. Items discussed in private

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 16:43 until Wednesday 14 July at 12:30.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
20 July 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14 JULY 2021

The Joint Committee met in **public** session at 12:32 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Matthews, Ruairi Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputy Duncan Smith.

The meeting went into **Private** session at 12:33.

2. Merchant Shipping Pre-legislative scrutiny report

Members were reminded that in the private meeting of the Committee yesterday, Tuesday 13 July, the Committee agreed the Merchant Shipping Pre-legislative scrutiny report. A concern was raised after the meeting, in relation to one proposed amendment and a proposal was agreed for the amendment to the report be sent to the Office of the Parliamentary Legal Advisers for advice, prior to finalising the report.

The meeting went back into **public** session at 12:35.

3. Ireland's implementation of the EU Digital Covid Certificate

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Ossian Smyth and Mr Barry Lowry, Government Chief Information Officer, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to the meeting.

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Minister and Mr Lowry for attending the meeting.

4. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:32 until 16:00, Tuesday 20 July 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
20 July 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 JULY 2021

The Joint Committee met in Private session at **16:05** virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Ruairí Ó Murchú and Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach)

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputies Michael Lowry, Steven Matthews and James O'Connor.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private

6. Item discussed in private

7. Item discussed in private

8. Adjournment. This meeting adjourned at 17:03 until Tuesday 14 September at 4:00PM



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
14 September 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in Private session at **16:05** virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach) Ruairí Ó Murchú and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Gerard Craughwell and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputy Steven Matthews and Jerry Buttimer.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 17:00, the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held Wednesday 15 September at 12:30pm.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
21 September 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in **Public** session at 12:35 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Matthews, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, and Gerry Horkan.

2. Update on the rollout of the National Broadband Plan

The Cathaoirleach welcomed to the meeting representatives from National Broadband Ireland:

- Mr Peter Hendrick, Chief Executive Officer,
- Ms Tara Collins, Chief Marketing Officer and
- Mr T.J. Malone, Chief Executive Officer, National Broadband Ireland Deployment

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Mr Hendrick, Ms Collins and Mr Malone for attending the meeting.

4. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:45 until 16:00, Tuesday 21 September 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
21 September 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 16:06 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach) Steven Matthews and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 16:49, the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 22 September at 12:30pm.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
21 September 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in **public** session at 12:39 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Ruairi Ó Murchú, James O' Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley, and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputy Duncan Smith.

2. Update on the review of the National Cyber Security Centre.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ossian Smyth, Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and his Officials to the meeting.

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Minister and Officials for attending the meeting.

The Committee agreed to write a follow up letter to the Minister to request that Departments outline cybersecurity spending in the estimates and to define a structured framework for reporting a cyber-attack.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 14:48 until, Tuesday 28 September 2021.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
22 September 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 28 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in **public** session at 09:41 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Ruairi Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputies Duncan Smith and Steven Matthews and Senator Jerry Buttimer

2. Further Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposals: COM(2021) 281 on establishing a framework for a European Digital Identity

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following Officials from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to the meeting:

- Ms Mairéad McCabe, Principal Officer, Telecommunications Policy and Regulation Division
- Ms Catherine McDonald, Assistant Principal Officer, Telecommunications Policy and Regulation Division
- Mr Rory Hinchy, Staff Engineer, Office of the Chief Technology Officer.
- Mr Barry Lowry, Government Chief Information Officer, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.
- Mr Declan Hickey, Office of the Government CIO, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms McCabe, Ms McDonald, Mr Hinchy, Mr Lowry and Mr Hickey for attending the meeting.

The Committee went into **Private** session at 11:36.

The Committee agreed to write to the Working group and Mr Lowry to request they keep the Committee informed and updated on developments.

The Committee agreed the proposal does not breach principals of subsidiarity but should be kept open for further scrutiny in the future.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 11:45 until, tomorrow Wednesday 29th September at 10am in private session.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
28 September 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 10:01 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), Ruairí Ó Murchú and Darren O Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley, and Gerry Horkan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:34, the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held Tuesday 5 October at 4pm.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
29 September 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 5 OCTOBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 16:10 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), and Darren O Rourke.

Senators: Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Steven Matthews and Gerard Craughwell.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 16:42, the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held Thursday 7 October at 9:30 AM.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
5 October 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 7 OCTOBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in **Public** session at 09:30 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Ruairi Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair)

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley, Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputies Darren O'Rourke and Steven Matthews and Senator Gerard Craughwell.

Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne substituted for Deputy Darren O'Rourke.

Non-Members of the Committee also present: Deputy Michael McNamara, Senator Maria Byrne, Senator Martin Conway and Senator Paul Gavan.

2. An engagement with the Chair Designate of Shannon Group

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr Pádraig Ó Céidigh, Chairperson Designate, Shannon Group to the meeting.

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Ó Céidigh, for attending the meeting.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 12:43 until Wednesday 13 October at 1:30pm.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
7 October 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 13 OCTOBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in **Public** session at 13:30 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) Ruairi Ó Murchú, Darren O'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley, Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputies Steven Matthews and James O'Connor, and Senator Gerard Craughwell.

The meeting went into Private session at 13:33pm.

2. Item discussed in Private

3. Item discussed in Private

4. Item discussed in Private

5. Item discussed in Private

The meeting went back into public session at 14:02pm

6. Sustainable Mobility Policy

The Cathaoirleach welcomed officials from the Department of Transport to the meeting.

- Mr Ken Spratt, Secretary General
- Mr Garret Doocey, Principal Officer Sustainable Mobility Investment & Policy Division
- Mr Dominic Mullaney, Principal Advisor, Regional and Local Roads Division
- Mr Andrew Ebrill, Principal Officer, National Roads Greenways & National Roads Greenways & Active Travel Division

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Spratt, Mr Doocey, Mr Mullaney and Mr Ebrill for attending the meeting.

4. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:28 until, Wednesday 20 October at 1pm.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
13 October 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 OCTOBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 13:06 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Ruairí Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), Duncan Smith and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from: Deputy Joe Carey

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 13:35, the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held at 13:40pm 20 October.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
3 November 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 20 OCTOBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in public session at 13:41 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Cathal Crowe, Sean Canney, Steven Matthews, Ruairi Ó Murchú, James O Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O 'Rourke and Duncan Smith.

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Gerry Horkan.

Deputy Sean Canney substituted for Deputy Michael Lowry

Apologies were received from Deputies Michael Lowry and Joe Carey.

2. Engagement with Chairperson Designate of daa

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr Basil Geoghegan, Chairperson Designate of daa and Mr Kevin Cullinane, Chief Communications Officer to the meeting.

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Geoghegan and Mr Cullinane for attending the meeting and wished Mr Geoghegan well in his new role.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:11 until, tomorrow Thursday 21 October at 09:30am.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
3 November 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 21 OCTOBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in **public** session at 09:44 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Steven Matthews, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair) and Darren O 'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from: Deputies Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry who was substituted by Deputy Matt Shanahan and Ruairi Ó Murchú.

2. Further Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals – COM (2021) 552,556,559, 561, 562 & 567

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following witnesses from the Department of Transport to the meeting;

- Mr Eddie Burke, Principal Officer, EU and International Affairs Division
- Ms Niamh O'Brien, Principal Officer, Aviation Services Division
- Ms Patricia Waller, Assistant Principal, Climate Delivery Division
- Mr Caoimhin O'Ciaruain, Principal Officer, Climate Engagement Division
- Mr Ronan Gallagher, Transport Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU.

Following the opening statement, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Burke and the other witnesses for attending the meeting.

3. The Committee went into private session at 11:55.

The Committee agreed that these proposals breach the principles of subsidiarity. A reasoned opinion will be drafted, agreed and sent to the EU institutions.

4. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 12:00 until, Wednesday 3 November at 13:00.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
3 November 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3 NOVEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 13:13 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Ruairí Ó Murchú, Joe Carey, James O Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), Duncan Smith and Darren O Rourke.

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputy Cathal Crowe

Deputy Horkan was in the Chair for the first part of the meeting.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 13:43, the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held today at 13:30pm 3 November.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
10 November 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 3 NOVEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in Public session at 13:44 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Steven Matthews, Ruairi Ó Murchú. Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Darren O'Rourke, Duncan Smith and Verona Murphy.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley, Gerry Horkan.
Apologies were received from: Deputies Cathal Crowe and Michael Lowry. Verona Murphy substituted for Deputy Lowry.

The meeting suspended at 13:44 and resumed at 13:45.

2. Discussion on the National Development Plan

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following representatives from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the National Transport Authority (NTA) to the meeting:

- Peter Walsh, Chief Executive, Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Nigel O'Neill, Director of Capital Programme, Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Anne Graham, Chief Executive Officer, National Transport Authority
- Hugh Creegan, Director of Transport Planning & Investment and Deputy Chief Executive, National Transport Authority

Following the opening statements, a question and answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Walsh, Mr O'Neill, Ms Graham and Mr Creegan for attending the meeting.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:58 until, Wednesday 10 November at 13:00.

Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
10 November 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 10 NOVEMBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 13:06 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, James O Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), Ruairí Ó Murchú, Michael Lowry and Darren O Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputies Steven Matthews and Duncan Smith

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private

6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 13:46, the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held today immediately after this meeting.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
17 November 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in **Public** session at 13:50 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O' Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Michael Lowry, Darren O'Rourke

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from: Deputies Steven Matthews and Duncan Smith and Senator Gerard Craughwell.

The meeting suspended at 13:50 and resumed at 13:50.

2. Engagement with the Chair Designate of the Port of Cork

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Chairperson designate, Mr Michael Walsh and Company Secretary, Mr Donal Crowley to the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to engage with the Chairperson designate of the Port of Cork, to discuss their strategic priorities for their role and their views on the challenges currently facing their organisation.

Following the opening statement, a question-and-answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Walsh, Mr Crowley for attending the meeting.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 15:10 until, Wednesday 17 November at 13:00.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
17 November 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 17 NOVEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 13:06 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), Ruairí Ó Murchú, and Darren O Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from Deputy Duncan Smith

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Item discussed in private

6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 13:29, the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held today immediately after this meeting.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
24 November 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 17 NOVEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in **Public** session at 13:34 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, James O Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Michael Lowry, Ruairi Ó Murchú and Darren O 'Rourke

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerry Horkan and Gerard Craughwell.

Apologies were received from: Deputy Duncan Smith.

2. The National Development Plan

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan TD to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the revised National Development Plan.

Following the opening statement, a question-and-answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Minister Ryan for attending the meeting and engaging with Members.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:35 until, tomorrow Thursday 18 November at 09:30am.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
24 November 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF THE MEETING 18 NOVEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in **Public** session at 09:37 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Ruairi Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Michael Lowry, Darren O'Rourke, Martin Conway, Matt Shanahan and Michael McNamara.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from: Deputy Steven Matthews.

2. The National Development Plan

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the overall role of the Irish Coast Guard. The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following Officials from the Department for Transport and the Irish Coast Guard to the meeting:

- Deirdre O'Keeffe, Assistant Secretary, Department of Transport
- Liam Keogh, Principal Officer, Department of Transport
- Phil O'Flaherty, Principal Officer, Department of Transport
- Eugene Clonan, Acting Director, The Irish Coast Guard
- Mr Niall Ferns, Manager, The Irish Coast Guard

Following the opening statement, a question-and-answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The meeting suspended at 10:27 and resumed at 10:47.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for attending the meeting and engaging with Members.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 12:45 until, next Wednesday 24 November at 13:00pm.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
24 November 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 24 NOVEMBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 13:04 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), Ruairí Ó Murchú, James O Connor, Duncan Smith and Darren O Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley, and Gerry Horkan.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 13:32, the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held today immediately after this meeting.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
1 December 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 24 NOVEMBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in **Public** session at 13:36 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, James O Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, Duncan Smith and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley, Gerry Horkan, Gerard Craughwell, Michael Carrigy and Eugene Murphy.

2. Part 1: Engagement with the Chairperson Designate of the Irish Aviation Authority

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Chairperson designate of Irish Aviation Authority (IAA), Ms Rose Hynes and Mr Diarmuid O Conghaile, Regulator, IAA to the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss their strategic priorities for their roles and their views on the challenges currently facing their organisations.

Following the opening statement, a question-and-answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms Hynes and Mr O Conghaile for attending the meeting and engaging with Members.

The meeting suspended at 15:33

The meeting resumed at 15:44

3. Part 2: Engagement with the Chairperson Designate of An Post

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Chairperson designate of An Post, Ms Carol Bolger and Public Affairs Manager, An Post, Mr Angus Lavery to the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss their strategic priorities for their roles and their views on the challenges currently facing their organisations.

Following the opening statement, a question-and-answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

Senator Timmy Dooley took the Chair at 15:52.

The Cathaoirleach resumed the Chair at 15:56.

Deputy Ruairí O Murchú took the Chair at 16:19

The Cathaoirleach resumed the Chair at 16:21

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms Bolger and Mr Lavery for attending the meeting and engaging with Members.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:51 until, tomorrow Thursday 24 November at 09:30am.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
1 December 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 1 DECEMBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 12:48 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), Ruairí Ó Murchú, Steven Matthews, Duncan Smith and Darren O Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

No apologies were received.

2. Item discussed in private

3. Item discussed in private

4. Item discussed in private

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 13:29, the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held today immediately after this meeting.



Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
7 December 2021

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 1 DECEMBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in **Public** session at 13:40 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Ruairi Ó Murchú, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Michael Lowry, Darren O'Rourke

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Jerry Buttimer, Gerard Craughwell, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.

Apologies were received from: Deputies Steven Matthews and Duncan Smith.

2. Engagement with the Chair Designate of TII.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Chairperson designate, Mr Gareth Llewellyn to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to engage with the Chairperson designate of TII, to discuss their strategic priorities for their role and their views on the challenges currently facing their organisation.

The meeting suspended at 13:45 and resumed at 13:47.

Following the opening statement, a question-and-answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Llewellyn, for attending the meeting and wished him well in his new role.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 15:30 until, Tuesday 7 December at 4pm.



Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
7 December 2021

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7 DECEMBER 2021

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 16:06 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Michael Lowry, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley and Gerry Horkan.
Apologies were received from Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. The item was discussed in private.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 16:14. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 8 December, in private at 12:45.

Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
19 January 2022

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 8 December 2021**

The Joint Committee met in Private session at 12:48 virtually, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Kieran O'Donnell (Cathaoirleach), Michael Lowry, Ruairí Ó Murchú, and Darren O'Rourke.

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley, and Gerry Horkan.
Apologies were received from Deputy Duncan Smith and Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. This item was discussed in private.

3. This item was discussed in private.

4. This item was discussed in private.

5. This item was discussed in private.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 13:02, the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held today immediately after this meeting.

Kieran O'Donnell
Cathaoirleach
19 January 2022

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 8 DECEMBER 2021**

The Joint Committee met in public session at 13:42 in the CR2, LH 2000, Leinster House, a quorum being present.

1. ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, James O Connor, Kieran O'Donnell (Chair), Michael Lowry, Ruairi Ó Murchú and Darren O 'Rourke.

Senators: Lynn Boylan, Jerry Buttimer, Timmy Dooley, Gerry Horkan.
Apologies were received from Deputy Duncan Smith and Senator Gerard Craughwell.

2. Discussion on Covid testing for international travel into and out of Ireland

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following Officials from the Department of Transport, Justice, Health and Foreign Affairs;

- Fintan Towey Assistant Secretary (DG Civil Aviation), Dept of Transport
- Phil O'Flaherty Principal Officer, (Aviation Safety and Security Division), Dept of Transport
- Deirdre Ní Fhallúin, Director, Consular Directorate, with responsibility for International Travel, Dept of Foreign Affairs
- Oonagh Buckley, Deputy Secretary, Dept of Justice
- Eileen Leahy, Principal Officer, Dept of Justice
- Mr Muiris O'Connor, Assistant Secretary General, Dept of Health
- Mr Keith Comiskey, Principal Officer, Dept of Health

Following the opening statement, a question-and-answer session with Members of the Committee ensued.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the witnesses for attending the meeting and engaging with Members.

3. Adjournment

The Joint Committee adjourned at 16:31 until, Wednesday 19 January at 12:45pm.

Kieran O'Donnell TD
Cathaoirleach
19 January 2022

APPENDIX 5: Meetings of the Dáil Select Committee

The following are the details, in date order, of the scheduled meetings of the Select Committee which took place during the period under report.

Meeting No. and Date	Topic	Organisations, Groups and Individuals who attended
S03. 30/03/2021	Consideration of Revised Estimates for Public Services 2021 for Vote 31 (Department of Transport) and Programme A of Vote 29 (Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment)	Hildegard Naughton TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport
S04. 17/06/2021	Consideration of the Air Navigation and Transport Bill 2020	Hildegard Naughton TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport
S05. 29/09/2021	Consideration of 2021 Mid-year review of Estimates for Public Services - Vote 29 Programme A (Communications) and Vote 31 (Transport)	Eamon Ryan TD, Minister for Transport and Minister for Environment, Communications and Climate
S06. 25/11/2021	Consideration of 2021 Supplementary Estimates	Hildegard Naughton TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport

APPENDIX 6: Proceedings of the Select Committee (Imeachtaí)

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

Dé Máirt, 30 Márta 2021

Tuesday, 30 March 2021

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 4.00 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 4:00 p.m.

2. COMHALTAÍ I LÁTHAIR¹.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT².

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Ciarán Ó Domhnaill, (*i gCeannas*), Hildegarde Ní Neachtáin (*An tAire Stat, Iompair*), na Teachtaí, Seosmh Ó Cairdha, Cathal Mac Conradha, Michéal Ó Labhraí, Stiofán Mac Mathúna, Ruairí O Murchú, Darren Ó Ruairc.

Deputy Kieran O'Donnell (*in the Chair*), Deputy Hildegarde Naughton (*Minister of State, Transport*), Deputies Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Michael Lowry, Steven Mathews, Ruairí O Murchú, Darren O Rourke.

3. BREITHNIÚ AR MHEASTACHÁIN I GCOMHAIR SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán na Meastacháin seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2021 –

The Committee considered the following Estimate(s) for Public Services for the year ending 31 December 2021 –

Clár A de Vóta 29 (Cumarsáid, Gníomhú ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaol)

Programme A of Vote 29 (Communications, Climate Action and Environment)

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán.

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

Vóta 31 - (Iompair),

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

4. ATHLÁ.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 6.05 p.m. *sine die*.

Vote 31 – (Transport)

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

The Committee adjourned at 6.05 p.m. *sine die*.

Kieran O'Donnell, T.D.

Chairman

Date

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

Dé Máirt, 17 Meitheamh 2021

Tuesday, 17 June 2021

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 09:40 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 09:40 a.m.

2. Comhaltaí i Láthair

2. Members Present.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Ciarán Ó Domhnaill, (i gCeannas), Hildegard Ní Neachtáin (An tAire Stat, Iompair), na Teachtaí, Seosmh Ó Cairdha, Cathal Mac Conradha, Ruairí O Murchú, Darren Ó Ruairc. Donncha Mac Gabhann.

Deputy Kieran O'Donnell (in the Chair), Deputy Hildegard Naughton (Minister of State, Transport), Deputies Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Ruairí O Murchú, Darren O'Rourke, Duncan Smith.

3. An Bille um Aerloingseoireachta agus Aeriompar 2020 a bhreithniú ag Céim an Choiste.

3. Committee Stage consideration of the Air Navigation and Transport Bill 2020

Aontaítear ailt 1 go 56 leis. Scriostar alt 57 de, agus aontaítear ailt 58 go 110 leis.

Section 1 to 56 are agreed thereto. Section 57 is deleted thereto, and Section 58 to 110 are agreed thereto.

4. DEIREADH

Tá an Roghchoiste um Iompar agus Cumarsáide tar éis a bhreithniú ar an mBille Aerloingseoireachta agus Aeriompair, 2020 a chríochnú agus tá leasuithe déanta aige air.

4. CONCLUSION

The Select Committee on Transport and Communications has completed its consideration of Air Navigation and Transport Bill 2020 and has made amendments thereto.

5. Athlá.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 11:10 a.m.
sine die.

5. Adjournment.

The Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.
sine die.

Kieran O'Donnell, T.D.
Chairman
Date

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

Dé Máirt, 29 Meán Fomhair 2021

Tuesday, 29 September 2021

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 2.05 p.m.

1. The Committee met at 2.05 p.m.

2. Comhaltaí i Láthair³.

2. Members Present⁴.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Ciarán Ó Domhnaill, (i gCeannas), Eamon Ó Riain (An tAire), na Teachtaí, Seosmh Ó Cairdha, Cathal Mac Conradha, Stiofán Mac Mathúna, Ruairí O Murchú, Darren Ó Ruairc. Donncha Mac Gabhann.

Deputy Kieran O'Donnell (in the Chair), Deputy Eamon Ryan (Minister), Deputies Joe Carey, Cathal Crowe, Steven Mathews, Ruairí O Murchú, Darren O Rourke, Duncan Smith.

3. Breithniú ar Mheastacháin i gComhair Seirbhísí Poiblí.

3. Consideration of Estimates for Public Services.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán na Meastacháin seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2021 –

The Committee considered the following Estimate(s) for Public Services for the year ending 31 December 2021 –

Clár A de Vóta 29 (Cumarsáid) Athbhreithniú ag Lár na Bliana

Programme A of Vote 29 (Communications) Mid-Year Review

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán.

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

Vóta 31 - (Iompair) Athbhreithniú ag Lár na Bliana

Vote 31 – (Transport) Mid-Year Review

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

4. Athlá.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 4.10 p.m. sine die.

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. Adjournment.

The Committee adjourned at 4.10 p.m. sine die.

Kieran O'Donnell, T.D.
Chairman
Date

IMEACHTAÍ AN ROGHCHOISTE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

Déardaoin, 25 Samhain 2021

Thursday, 25 November 2021

1. Chruinnigh an Coiste ar 10:40 a.m.

1. The Committee met at 10:40 a.m.

2. Comhaltaí i Láthair.

2. Members Present.

Bhí na comhaltaí seo a leanas i láthair:

The following Members were present:

An Teachta Ciarán Ó Domhnaill, (i gCeannas), Hildegard Ní Neachtáin (An tAire Stáit), na Teachtaí, Seosmh Ó Cairdha, Stiofán Mac Mathúna, Ruairí O Murchú, Darren Ó Ruairc.

Deputy Kieran O'Donnell (in the Chair), Deputy Hildegard Naughton (Minister of State), Deputies Joe Carey, Steven Mathews, Ruairí O Murchú, Darren O'Rourke.

3. Breithniú ar Mheastacháin i gComhair Seirbhísí Poiblí.

3. Consideration of Estimates for Public Services.

Bhreithnigh an Coiste an Meastachán na Meastacháin seo a leanas i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2021 –

The Committee considered the following Estimate(s) for Public Services for the year ending 31 December 2021 –

Clár A de Vóta 29 (Cumarsáid) Meastachán Forlíontach

Programme A of Vote 29 (Communications) Supplementary Estimate

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán.

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

Vóta 31 - (Iompair) Meastachán Forlíontach

Vote 31 – (Transport) Supplementary Estimate

Críochnaíodh an breithniú ar an Meastachán.

Cuireadh teachtaireacht chun na Dála de réir Bhuan-Ordú 90 á chur in iúl di gur chríochnaigh an Coiste a bhreithniú ar an Meastachán.

4. Athlá.

Chuaigh an Coiste ar athló ar 12.10 p.m. sine die.

Consideration of the Estimate was concluded.

Message sent to the Dáil in accordance with Standing Order 90 acquainting it that the Committee had completed its consideration of the Estimate.

4. Adjournment.

The Committee adjourned at 12.10 p.m. sine die.

Kieran O'Donnell, T.D.
Chairman
Date